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Ontario not all that stimulated

► Watchdog report says only fraction of stimulus cash spent in Ontario in first year

Only a fraction of government stimulus cash was actually spent in Ontario last year, even though many infrastructure projects were rushed through the approval process — some in a matter of hours — with little vetting, a provincial watchdog revealed yesterday.

Tight deadlines built into the spending program, which were recently extended by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, meant

government officials spent little time assessing projects, auditor general Jim McCarter found.

McCarter also found that half of the \$3.1 billion committed to Ontario infrastructure went to a small number of projects that, in most cases, weren't "shovel ready" — a key funding criteria — and weren't scrutinized properly.

Less than \$510 million — or 16 per

cent — of the total \$3.1 billion was spent by the end of the first year, he said. That means only an estimated 7,000 jobs were created or saved, rather than the projected 44,000.

"We understood that they had to do this in a fairly short time frame, but there was no limit on the number of applications, for example," McCarter said.

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Donor cards: Meaningless

Ontario's auditor general released his annual report yesterday. Here are some highlights:

- Organ donor cards carried in your wallet are virtually meaningless and not acceptable criteria for consent to donate.
- More than 50,000 people spent too long in hospital last year because of the time it took to line up post-discharge care for them.

Iran

Man sentenced to death

► Canadian resident Saeed Malekpour arrested in Iran two years ago ► Supporters say his case rife with torture, human rights abuses (page 4)

Chelsea handles Angelina

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► Ontario auditor general Jim McCarter delivers his report at Queen's Park yesterday.

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Citytv's Dailey dead at 57

Toronto newscaster Mark Dailey, once the well-known baritone voice of Citytv, has died of cancer at age 57.

Dailey, who was born in Youngstown, Ohio, died at Sunnybrook hospital yesterday afternoon with his family at his side.

Dailey was the host of 11 p.m. CityNews newscasts and enjoyed a reputation for playful teasers to late night movies.

He was most known for the slogan: "Citytv. Everywhere."

Dailey worked as a police officer in Ohio, and became a crime reporter for stations in Ohio and at CKLW in Windsor, Ont., before moving to Toronto in 1974.

Citytv spokesman Gord Martineau says Dailey was "a true professional" and will be greatly missed.

After successfully beating prostate cancer six years ago, Dailey announced in September that cancer had spread to his kidneys. He had surgery in October, but the disease spread to his lungs and the rest of his body.

"We always leaned on him over the years for a sense of perspective," Martineau said.

"Whenever we had a live shot doing anything, no matter what the story was, you could totally rely on him. He was rock-solid."

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▶ Mark Dailey

Winter. White time



▶ A woman walks through a snow-covered Christie Pits Park after yesterday's snowfall.

HARSEN CALABRESO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Snow flurries still in forecast

Forecast for today in Toronto, from Environment Canada:
Cloudy with sunny periods and a 60 per cent chance of flurries.
Winds northwest at 30 km/h. High of -1 C.
Tonight: Cloudy periods. 60 per cent chance of flurries in the evening and after midnight. Winds northwest at 30 km/h. Low of -9 C.

McGuinity to hear Ford out

- ▶ Mayor and premier to meet privately for one hour at Queen's Park
- ▶ Ontario has so far spent about \$130 million on Transit City project

Mayor Rob Ford will make the case for killing Transit City directly to Premier Dalton McGuinity today in their first one-on-one meeting.

Last week, on his first day in office, Ford proclaimed the provincially funded plan to snake light-rail lines to Toronto's underserved suburbs "over."

Saying above-ground lines impede car traffic, he campaigned on an alterna-

tive that would extend the Sheppard subway to Scarborough Town Centre and convert the aging Scarborough LRT to subway.

Ford said he would use his first meeting with McGuinity to ask the premier to divert \$3.1 billion earmarked for Transit City's first phase to the subway plan.

At Queen's Park yesterday, Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne

stressed the Liberals "are willing to work with the new mayor and council" on public transit.

Ford is also expected to seek support for making the TTC an essential service and to press Toronto's demand that the province immediately pay it \$53.7 million — half the city's cost of administering the Ontario Works' welfare program in 2010.

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Making it official

At 2 p.m., Ford will be ceremonially sworn in as Toronto's 64th mayor and will make a speech at the inaugural meeting of the new council.

▶ Breaking with the tradition of inviting a senior legal official, Ford has chosen hockey commentator Don Cherry as his guest.



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TWO-CAR CRASH

**1 killed,
2 hurt in
collision**

One person is dead and two have been sent to hospital after a two-car collision on Argentia Road near Derry Road and Highway 401 yesterday afternoon.

Police are still trying to figure out what

caused the collision, said Const. Wayne Patterson, adding that witnesses are being interviewed.

He also said that they may not know what really happened until officers speak to two drivers, who were both sent to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

There are also no details on the passenger who was killed, as officers are still attempting to inform next of kin.

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**Ontario to start taking
MMA bids in January**

Mixed martial arts promoters looking to stage fights in Ontario should start getting their bids in order.

The Ontario government announced yesterday it will begin accepting applications Jan. 1.

The province had a change of heart in August and announced it would allow mixed martial arts, starting in 2011.

The economic potential

\$6M One major MMA event could attract up to 30,000 fans and generate up to \$6 million in economic activity, according to the Ontario government.

of MMA events apparently isn't lost on the government, which is running a deficit of almost \$20 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Iran orders execution
of Canadian resident**

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► Saeed Malekpour is shown in a handout photo taken from the Free Saeed Malekpour Facebook page.

**► Group has sent petition to House
of Commons calling for Ottawa to
appeal to Iranian government,
demand Saeed Malekpour's release**

An Iranian-born man who is a permanent resident of Canada has been sentenced to death in Tehran in a case his supporters say is rife with torture and human rights abuses.

A website run by those campaigning for Saeed Malekpour's release from an Iranian prison says the 35-year-old was sentenced to death Saturday.

Malekpour's supporters say an Iranian judge told his lawyer the death sentence was not his decision but one made by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard.

Malekpour is a website developer who became a permanent Canadian resident in 2004.

His supporters, including his wife who now lives in Richmond Hill, say he was arrested in Iran in

October 2008 after a trip to visit his ailing father.

He has been held in Tehran's Evin Prison in relation to a case of "Internet offences" linked to a program he made for what turned out to be an adult website.

The charges against him include "taking action against national security by designing and moderating adult content websites," "agitation against the regime" and "insulting the sanctity of Islam." His supporters say Malekpour wasn't aware the program he made would be used for an adult website.

Malekpour wrote an open letter to Iranian officials in March this year alleging forced confessions, torture and physical abuse.

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Crossbow victim sought help from journalist

Just two months before Si Cheng was killed with a crossbow in a public library — a crime his son now stands accused of — he was living in a homeless shelter and contacting reporters for help.

According to the Chinese-language newspaper Sing Tao Daily, Cheng,

52, contacted one of its journalists in September with a letter detailing allegations of a tumultuous past that included a near-fatal car accident, marital strife, jail time and estrangement from his son.

Reporter Hugh Li said he met with Cheng twice,

most recently on Oct. 5, but never went up publishing an article about the man until this Saturday, two days after Cheng was fatally shot with a crossbow inside the Main Street public library.

Cheng has had two domestic violence convictions involving his family

and admitted to Li that he assaulted his then-wife in May 2002.

But according to Li, Cheng felt he was the one who was victimized in the relationship. Cheng made several allegations about his ex-wife that Li was unable to verify.

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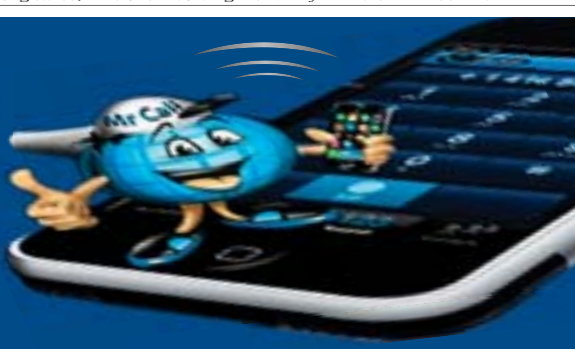
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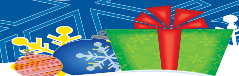


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Who is your newsmaker of the year?

Was 2010 the year of **Hurricane Hazel** or does the gravy train stop with **Rob Ford**? Maybe it was **Miller** or **it** did **Dalton**.



2010. Did hip-hop megastar **Drake** do it for you, or did **Rachel McAdams** leave you starstruck? Were you inspired by Leaf's GM **Brian Burke** during a difficult year on and off the ice, or is your top Toronto newsmaker someone else? It's time for you to decide. Tell us who rocked your 2010 and why. Voting ends Dec. 17.

Award makes
for Hennessy
homecoming

- Law & Order actress recently released debut album
- Reflects on days as a busker at TTC subway stations

Jill Hennessy was honoured for her work as a TV actress yesterday, but the star of Law & Order and Crossing Jordan says music has always been her true creative passion.

"(Music) was something I did purely because of sheer love and joy," Hennessy, 42, said before accepting an international achievement award from non-profit organization Women in Film and Television.

"It's hard to believe you're being honoured in



► Jill Hennessy

the first place," she said

during an interview at an opulent hotel where she noted she'd once worked as a hostess.

"I guess I still sort of perceive myself as the person auditioning here in Toronto and going to Second City for improv comedy classes and playing guitar on the street."

The mother of two frequently speaks warmly in interviews about her salad days busking at Toronto subway stations.

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Dying man thrown from car

Gunshots were heard before a person was dumped from a car in downtown Ottawa, shaken witnesses said yesterday after watching the young victim die on the street.

Ottawa police said their major crime unit was investigating but gave few other details yesterday. Emergency services were called to the scene around 10:30 a.m.

to attend to an unconscious male. Police did not immediately release the victim's name, age or cause of death.

Witness Kim Nguyen said her son heard gunshots before the victim was tossed from the vehicle.

"Suddenly he heard the two shots — pop, pop — and then he saw the guy inside the car open the door very fast," Nguyen said.

"He saw the person, he threw the body out (of) the car," she said, adding she tried to help the bleeding victim as he lay on the street.

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Germany to increase funding

The German government will double the money it provides for the at-home care of victims of the Holocaust, increasing it to \$146 million US worldwide for 2011, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shark attacks off Egypt

Talks with Iran appear to go nowhere

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► A member of the Iranian opposition demonstrates against the Iranian nuclear program in front of the United Nations in Geneva yesterday.

► Tehran still insists that nuclear program is for power only

Talks between Iran and six world powers recessed yesterday in Switzerland with no sign that Tehran was ready to discuss UN Security Council calls to curb its nuclear activities that could be harnessed to make weapons, an official at the negotiations said.

While the two sides were scheduled to meet in a second session today, the description of the meeting by the official gave little reason to presume that Iran would relent.

That, in turn, would dash hopes of a renewed meeting in the new year.

The U.S. and the allies have said coming into the talks that such new negotiations would hinge on Tehran agreeing at the present Geneva talks to focus on ultimately ending

Assassination

- Iran's chief negotiator, Saeed Jalili, mentioned last week's assassination of an Iranian nuclear scientist and the wounding of an associate, the official said.
- Iran says Majid Shahriar, the scientist killed in a bombing, was involved in a major project with Iran's nuclear agency.
- The wounded scientist, Feridoun Abbasi, is suspected by the UN of links to secret nuclear activities. Iran has accused the West and Israel of being behind the assault.

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Ruling on sweeping media ban

► Newspapers condemned publication restrictions in Tori case

The Supreme Court of Canada will rule Thursday on whether they'll hear an appeal in a controversial publication ban in the case of a woman charged in the death of eight-year-old Tori Stafford.

The sweeping ban raised hackles across the country when it was brought in April 30, with front-page newspaper editorials lambasting it as going too far.

Experts in media law

called the extent of the ban unusual and one that would simply fuel rampant speculation.

Terri-Lynne McClintic, 20, and Michael Rafferty, 30, were charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping in the death of Tori, a little girl from Woodstock, Ont., whose case captured hearts countrywide. Her remains were not found until more than three months after her disappearance, some 100 kilo-

metres away in a field north of Guelph, Ont.

McClintic was scheduled to appear in court April 30 of this year, but a temporary publication ban prohibited the media from providing any further information until further order of the court. Justice Dougald McDermid heard arguments to vary the ban the next month and delivered his order and reasons the next day.

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► Terri-Lynne McClintic.

Religion. Turban



► An Indian Sikh student holds a placard at a demonstration yesterday appealing to the visiting French President Nicolas Sarkozy to allow Sikh students to wear turbans in French schools in New Delhi.

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Appealing to Sarkozy

France bans the wearing of conspicuous religious apparel in schools. For Sikhs, the turban is the most obvious symbol of their faith.

U.S. gives its support to South Korea

The top U.S. military officer will visit South Korea this week to reassure Seoul in the wake of provocative actions by North Korea.

The chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, will meet tomorrow with his South Korean counterpart and other senior military and civilian defence officials, Mullen spokesman Capt. John Kirby said yesterday.

"The principal message is to the South Koreans

Past support

The U.S. has a history of supporting South Korea.

► Invasion. The U.S. intervened in support of South Korea when North Korea invaded in June 1950 and is party to an armistice agreement that ended the fighting.

that we continue to stand by them," he said.

Mullen is the top military adviser to U.S. President Barack Obama and U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates. The Seoul meeting is another sign of U.S. concern about rising tensions on the Korean peninsula.

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Leaked cables concern Canada and its security

► Docs list critical sites including Ontario's Darlington nuclear power plant ► Jack Layton says he's not worried

Canadian security experts say leaking a U.S. note about possible terror targets in Canada is like doing the extremists' homework for them.

The WikiLeaks publication of an American diplomatic cable listing Canadian bridges, pipelines, power plants and other sensitive places vital to the United States is

"If this is the tenor of leaks coming, then we have a problem on our hands"

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a worrying development, said Liberal Sen. Colin Kenny.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure

out some aspects of critical infrastructure.

"But there are other aspects you'd have to work at pretty hard, and you might not think about them," said Kenny, who long served as chair of the Senate committee on national security.

"So I'm starting to get concerned."

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Assange stripped of bank account

Swiss authorities stripped WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange of a key fundraising tool yesterday — his new bank account — and the secret-spilling website fended off more suspected computer attacks as it manoeuvred to stay online.

Scotland Yard was now considering the Swedish arrest warrant for Assange, who is staying at an undisclosed location in Britain, the BBC reported. It didn't cite its source and the U.K. police force declined to comment.

WikiLeaks tweeted that U.K. authorities have received the warrant and "may issue it shortly."

In contrast to official moves against the group, an unlikely band of computer-savvy advocates were riding to its rescue, determined to ensure free information via the Internet.

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Tuition fee. Protest



► Students with painted faces demonstrate against tuition fee hikes near the legislature in Quebec City, yesterday.

JACQUES BOISVERT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Creative protesters

The students are taking to the streets over Quebec's plan to raise tuition rates, which are, by far, the lowest in the country. About 60,000 post-secondary students called a one-day strike, and a few thousand converged in Quebec City.

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Soldiers take hold of Taliban hotbed

► But NATO Maj.-Gen. James Terry says insurgents in notorious Afghan village of Zangabad are 'going to fight (back). This is their home turf'

Zangabad

Zangabad carries with it some hard memories.

- Canadian troops fought there many times going back to the winter of 2006. Just the mention of the place elicited heavy groans from even the most battle-hardened soldiers.
- The community, 45 kilometres southwest of the provincial capital, is home to only a few thousand dirt-poor farmers.
- An outpost was established in 2007, but was under almost constant attack. Resupplying the base was a major obstacle, prompting commanders to pull back two years later and concentrate on defending the city.

Canadian troops officially took control of a restive village southwest of Kandahar city that's been a hub of Taliban activity for years.

Zangabad has long been a thorn in NATO's side, although soldiers from the 1st Battalion, Royal 22e

Regiment battle group faced little insurgent resistance as they went in.

Three Taliban fighters were caught and killed trying to bury a bomb near the community early yesterday as coalition and Afghan forces moved into the volatile area known as

the horn of Panjwail.

Lt.-Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, the battle group commander, said the operation is going according to plan; a resupply convoy even made it through to the soldiers of Alpha Company.

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Poll

SUPPORT RISES FOR TALIBAN

A new poll released yesterday showed a sharp rise in the number of Afghans who see insurgent attacks against American troops as justified compared to a year ago.

The survey by international media outlets also showed Afghans are los-

ing confidence in the United States and NATO to secure their country, and they are more willing to see a negotiated settlement with the Taliban than they were last year.

The perception that violence against U.S. forces is warranted is up most sharply in provinces

where fighting has been the most intense and in areas where there has been an increase in deaths, the survey said.

The poll found 27 per cent of Afghans see insurgent attacks as justified, up from eight per cent last year.

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► Troops from Canada's 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment search a villager returning to his home yesterday in Folda, Afghanistan, in the restive Panjwail district of Kandahar.

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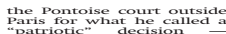


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► Judge confirmed titanium fell from a Continental DC-10 onto the runway ► July 2000 plane crash killed 109 people

The panel of judges fined Continental \$269,000 and John Taylor, its mechanic living in the United States, \$2,665. Taylor also was given a 15-month suspended prison sentence. Both said they will appeal. Continental Airlines Inc.'s lawyer, Olivier Metzner, criticized



blaming an American company while acquitting French officials accused of ignoring design flaws in the elegant Concorde, a jet that could fly at twice the speed of sound and was the pride of European aviation.

All other defendants in the case — including three former French officials and Taylor's now-retired supervisor Stanley Ford — were acquitted. The judges also ordered nearly \$2.72 million to be paid in damages to Air France, families of some victims and other civil parties.

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► Youths hurl rocks and gasoline bombs at police during clashes at a student rally in Athens yesterday.

Protestors hurled rocks and oranges at a government building in central Athens yesterday during a student protest to mark two years since the fatal police shooting of a teenage boy that sparked Greece's worst riots in decades. Police closed roads and deployed several thousand officers around the city, but maintained a minimal presence at the site where some 1,500 students gathered outside Athens University's main buildings.

The Alberta government will spend an extra \$450,000 on high-tech ballistic testing as part of a renewed strategy to fight gang crime.

The plan was announced in Calgary.
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A group of 18 organizations representing private sector employers in Nova Scotia has sent an open letter to the premier demanding he kill large sections of a labour bill that has sparked controversy in the province.

Police in Barrie, Ont., say a driver at a weekend RIDE checkpoint pulled up drinking a beer.

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► People take part in a vigil yesterday in Montreal to commemorate the 14 women who were slain at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique on the 21st anniversary.

Firearms debate reignites

► Conservatives displayed a bouquet of 14 white roses outside Commons to commemorate Montreal massacre

The 21st anniversary of the Montreal massacre reignited political combat over gun control yesterday.

The Harper government came under fire for its decision last week to delay — for the third time — regulations that police say are essential for quickly tracing guns used in crimes.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said the timing of the decision demonstrates the Conservatives' insensitivity to the national trauma caused by the 1989 tragedy, in which Marc Lépine gunned down 14 female engineering students at Montreal's Ecole Polytech-



nique.

The massacre prompted the Liberal government of the day to introduce strict new gun-control measures, including the controversial gun registry.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has vowed to scrap the registry but his minority government has so far been stymied by the three opposition parties.

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"The idea that young women could be singled out and systematically massacred for no other reason than that they were women ... has just marked Canada forever and the Conservatives simply don't understand what that did to us."

MICHAEL IGNATIEFF



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► A woman looks down beside a banner listing victims' names at a vigil yesterday in Montreal.

Regulations

► The regulations are supposed to bring Canada into compliance with international protocols requiring import marks on firearms.

► The three associations representing police in Canada

have urged the government to implement the regulations. They've said import marks would help police to trace weapons used in crime and to determine whether such guns have been smuggled into the country or produced domestically.



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NO INVITE FOR TORIES

Conservatives were conspicuously absent from a solemn ceremony marking the anniversary of the massacre on Parliament Hill.

Michel Liboiron, a spokesman for Michael Ignatieff, said no Conservative was invited because survivors, upset with the government's stance on the gun registry, indicated they'd boycott the event if Tories were involved.

NDP Leader Jack Layton said particular attention needs to be paid to aboriginal women who face "staggering" rates of violence, aggravated by extreme poverty and discrimination.

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Canadian bank heads southward

Scotiabank is expanding its presence in Latin America through the purchase of Uruguay's fourth-largest private bank by assets as well as a separate financial-services firm.

The Canadian bank said yesterday it will ac-

quire private bank Nuevo Banco Comercial, along with Prontol, the country's third-largest consumer-finance company.

Terms of the agreement with an investor group weren't disclosed, but Scotiabank said they were not financially material to the bank.

Scotiabank said the agreement will make it the first Canadian bank with a retail network in Uruguay.

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Wal-Mart case goes to top court

The U.S. Supreme Court will consider throwing out a massive lawsuit that claims Wal-Mart pays women less than men and promotes women less frequently.

The justices stepped into a case yesterday that could involve 500,000 to 1.5 million women who work or once worked at the world's largest private employer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. calls it the largest employment class-action in history.

Wal-Mart is appealing a ruling by the 9th U.S. Cir-

6-5 in its decision in April, the appeals court voted 6-5 in favour of the plaintiffs. Judge Michael Dwyer Hawkins said the number of women involved is large, but "mere size does not render a case unmanageable."

cuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco that the class-action lawsuit could go to trial, with potentially billions of dollars in legal damages at stake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Google hangs out bookselling shingle

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Google's ebookstore website is shown in this screen shot.

Google e-books work on all devices except Amazon's Kindle Canadian store expected some time in 2011

Google Inc. is making the leap from digital librarian to merchant in a challenge to Amazon.com Inc. and its Kindle electronic reader.

The long-awaited Internet book store, which opened yesterday in the U.S., draws upon a portion of the 15 million printed books that Google has scanned into its computers during the past six years.

About 4,000 publishers, including Simon & Schuster Inc., Random House Inc. and Penguin Group, are also allowing Google to carry many of their recently released books in the new store.

Those publishing deals will ensure that most of the current bestsellers are among the 3 million e-books initially available in Google's store, said Amanda Edmonds, who oversaw the company's partnerships.

Millions more out-of-print titles will appear in Google's store, called eBooks, if the company can gain federal court approval of a proposed class-action settlement with U.S. pub-

Royalties

Google is trying to position its new sales outlet as an ally to publishers, merchants and consumers looking for alternatives to Amazon's electronic book store, which feeds Amazon's hot-selling Kindle

- Google plans to offer sharp discounts on many of its e-books but it will still pay publishers 52 per cent of the list price for sales made on its site.
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lishers and authors.

Books bought from Google's store can be read on any machine with a web browser. There are also free applications that can be installed on Apple Inc.'s iPad and iPhone, as well as other devices powered by Google's own mobile operating system, Android.

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Heiress, daughter reconcile

France's richest woman and her daughter have resolved a protracted \$1.3 billion legal dispute that swelled into a national scandal and raised questions about the future of the family fortune, the daughter's lawyer said yesterday.

"There is no more case as far as we are concerned,"

lawyer Olivier Metzner told The Associated Press.

L'Oréal cosmetics heiress Liliane Bettencourt, 88, and her daughter Francoise Bettencourt Meyers have met several times since Metzner said, adding, "We are bringing an end to all procedures given this familial reunion."

The daughter has pub-

licly accused photographer Francois-Marie Banier of abusing her mother's alleged mental frailty and abusing her trust to bulk Liliane Bettencourt out of \$1.3 billion in cash, stocks and other gifts. Banier, a longtime friend of Bettencourt's, has insisted he did not take advantage of her.

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WestJet reports bigger gains than rival

► **Calgary-based airline's passenger traffic up 17.9% in November over 2009** ► **Air Canada sees gain of 7.5%**

Canada's two largest airlines have both reported an increase in passenger traffic in November compared with the same month last year, with WestJet seeing bigger gains than Air Canada.

Air Canada said yesterday that its passenger traffic increased by 7.5 per cent, while WestJet Airlines Ltd. posted a traffic increase of 17.9 per cent.

Calgary-based WestJet grew in capacity by 15.3 per cent, launching new seasonal service between Toronto and New Orleans, as well as between Toronto and the Caribbean stops Santa Clara, Cuba, and Grand Cayman Island.



▶ Gregg Saretsky

The airline's load factor — a measure of how full its fleet was — rose 1.8 percentage points to a record 77.7 per cent.

"We're encouraged by

the strength of bookings from the business market and the demand for WestJet Vacations packages," WestJet president and CEO Gregg Saretsky said in a statement.

Montreal-based Air Canada said passenger traffic increased as the airline upped its capacity by 7.3 per cent in the traditionally slower off-peak travel season. "Led by over 19 per cent traffic growth in the Pacific, we recorded an increase in traffic in all markets we serve" in the 12th month of the year-over-year traffic increases, Calin Rovinescu, president and CEO, said in a statement.

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GETTING N TOUCH WITH YOUR JEALOUSY

She says ...

JESSICA
NAPIER

This might sound strange, but sometimes I wish my boyfriend was a little more jealous. OK, I make that just jealous period.

Maybe I'm crazy, but if your significant other never acts like a green-eyed monster, you start to wonder if maybe they wouldn't care if you took another lover on the side.

Jealousy is one of our most primal instincts and when it rears its ugly head, it's hard to ignore. Suspicion and distrust, completely irrational or otherwise, can drive a sizeable wedge between even the most compatible of couples.

But ignore the whole deadly

sin thing for a second and consider the fact that jealousy, in the correct measure, might actually be a very important part of a relationship.

It's exactly healthy, but it can be reassuring. Nothing says I'm still passionate about our romance like an emotional outburst over a mysterious text message, right? As you might have guessed, I have, on occasion, been a little bit of a green-eyed girl. I promise I'm not one of those I'm going to hack into your Facebook account in a suspicious rage types. I specialize in passive-aggressive displays such as the always popular, I'll sit

here brooding for the better part of an hour because you gave our waitress in a low-cut shirt a lingering stare routine.

Of course, all of these instances of petty pouting have a lot more to do with my own insecurities than any philandering behaviour on his part.

Being one of the most naturally confident people in the world, my significant other never feels threatened. He thinks of jealousy as a pointless exercise in time wasting. And while he's probably right, I still find it irritating.

Recently we were out at a bar with friends and I found myself

cornered by a particularly slick-talking guy while my boyfriend was in the washroom. When he returned he didn't approach the situation with an assertive "She's with me buddy" speech. Instead, he stood at a distance and laughed as I awkwardly tried to escape the flirtatious advances of Mr. Too Much Hair Gel.

How wonderful it is to find someone so trusting and good humoured, right? Yes, I suppose I should be glad that I haven't partnered up with an overly possessive caveman. But come on: is it so backwards of me to crave a little bit of protective chest-puffing once in a while?



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Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADLER



Worth mentioning

■ Andrea Ybarra belongs to a small group of people who have had a "beating heart" transplant, an experimental operation where the donor heart is placed into a special box that feeds it blood and keeps it warm and ticking outside the body.

Despite advances in heart transplantation, the way hearts are moved around remains low-tech — organ recovery specialists stuff an off-the-shelf picnic cooler with ice and jet off at odd hours to a donor hospital while a heart from a brain-dead patient awaits. They inject a chemical to stop the organ and preserve it in the

Beating heart transplant

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ice chest for the trip home.

The longer it takes to remove a heart and transplant it, the greater the patient's chance of death or heart disease.

The new high-tech heart box circulates blood from the donor to the heart so that it continues throbbing while in transit. If the new technology succeeds in preserving

hearts longer, doctors could make cross-country heart runs without worrying about how long it takes. If a heart can survive outside the body longer than the current limit, heart transplants may someday be less an emergency procedure and more like an appointment that can be scheduled.

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Gosselin clan visit the Palins in Alaska

► TLC reality show stars get together for a family camping trip in the former governor's home state ► Can the pampered single mom Kate keep up with the outdoorsy Palins?

Kate Gosselin is not a happy camper.

On this week's edition of Sarah Palin's Alaska, she and her brood make a much-anticipated guest appearance. But don't expect it to reveal her inner Daniel Boone.

"How would you like to go camping with Kate and her eight kids — that TV show you watch?" Sarah Palin asks her daughter, Piper, at the start of the episode.

Piper squeals with delight at the idea of hanging with these stars of another TLC series.

As things develop, the camping trip in the Alaskan wilds will be no day at the beach for Kate. But it makes for a hilarious hour of Palin's show, which airs on TLC Sunday.

Read no further if you don't want spoiler details of Kate's stab at roughing it.

For a few fleeting moments, it seems she will savour her visit with the Palin family. She instantly bonds with Sarah, as they compare notes on the predatory nature of the media.

"There's not a whole lot of people that I run into that can understand the scrutiny (by) the media and beyond," says Kate, whose crumbling marriage to Jon was documented on *Jon & Kate Plus 8* while he spun a feeding frenzy from the tabloid press.

Now, single mom Kate and her kids just happened to be in Alaska taping one of her *Kate Plus 8* specials,



► Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, left, shakes hands with Gosselin twins, Cara, right, and Mady, as their mother Kate Gosselin looks on as the Palins and the Gosselins go on a camping trip in Coffee Creek, Alaska, during a taping of Sarah Palin's Alaska.

which occasioned their guest spot with the Palins.

The first stop: Sarah takes Kate to a bear safety class to prepare her for their camping expedition.

On the road from Vasilisa to the class in Anchorage, Sarah sort of jokes that, in case of a bear attack, "You need a partner with you who's slower than you."

"Oh, my gosh!" replies Kate, who already was spooked by the bear rug in the Palins' home. "Sacrifice your friends?"

At the rifle range, she looks more miserable than she used to look with Jon. And that's only the beginning.

The day of the camping trip, it's — wouldn't you know? — pouring rain.

Out in the middle of nowhere by a stream and surrounded by mountains, Sarah is smiling, chipper and (literally) loaded for bear.

"Rain or shine, Alaskans still camp. We still find a way to have fun," she

chirps.

Then Kate and her kids land at the campsite. Quickly, Kate proves to be a bigger pill than a horse tranquilizer.

"I'm not worrying about bears right now," she is soon grouching. "I'm just worried about keeping my toes wiggle 'cause they're freezing."

Sarah, daughters Piper and Willow, husband Todd and other family members seem to be having a blast. So, for that matter, are

Kate's youngsters.

"The kids are having fun, so I'm tolerating it, but this is my new home," grumbles Kate, having sullenly planted herself, apart from the rest, beneath a tarp. "I am miserable, but, I mean, somebody's got to be."

Sarah, ever gung-ho, announces to the group, "This is the most luxurious camping spot I've ever seen!"

Cut to Kate, who tells the camera, "It just kills me that people, like, willingly do this." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Scene in brief

Spike TV says Neil Patrick Harris will host this year's Video Game Awards. The star of stage, video games and TV's *How I Met Your Mother*, Harris will preside over the eighth annual celebration of gaming's best, Spike TV announced yesterday. Also expected are comedian Dane Cook, *Thor: God of Thunder* video-game star Chris Hemsworth, Tony Hawk, and cast members from It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, including Danny Devito, Kaitlin Olson and Rob McElhenney.

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► Since the fall, viewers of the daytime game show *The Price Is Right* have seen dramatic weight change in once rotund host Drew Carey.

Carey pays price before slimming

What's the skinny on Drew Carey?

In the last year Carey has shed a lot of weight in an effort to establish a healthier lifestyle.

According to *Parade* magazine, Carey set a goal to lose close to 90 pounds by November, dropping from a high of 262 pounds at the start of the year to around 170. He had shrunk from a size-44 to a size-34 waist by press tour last August.

He said it was a year-long commitment to diet and exercise that did the trick. He cut down on carbs and gulped down plenty of water instead of colas. Whenever he was tempted by a burger, a tip from one of the *Price Is Right* hostesses set him straight.

"She said to me, 'Nothing tastes as good as skinny feels,'" says Carey.

The 52-year-old comedi-

"Working out was the key thing... You can't just diet."

DREW CAREY, HOST OF *THE PRICE IS RIGHT*

an has tried to lose weight before. Back in 2001, when he was working on his sitcom *The Drew Carey Show* and *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* it was discovered one of his arteries was clogged. After an angioplasty the comedian tried to curb his appetite.

His weight had climbed back up by the time he succeeded Bob Barker as host of *The Price Is Right* in 2007. Carey was once again experiencing shortness of breath.

Losing the weight more gradually and combining diet with exercise — with the help of a trainer — has helped him keep the weight off this time.

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No signs of slowing down for Leachman

► Role on *Raising Hope* has 84-year-old in vintage form ► 'I'm with her every day and I still have no idea what she's going to do next,' says son

"Vanity" is a word that seems missing from Cloris Leachman's play book.

This is no surprise to those who have savoured the veteran actress-comedian in her anything-but-self-admiring performances the past six decades.

She's best known for her roles on the iconic *Mary Tyler Moore*, in *Young Frankenstein* and her Oscar-winning turn for best-supporting ac-

trix in 1972's *The Last Picture Show*.

Now Leachman fires jolts of unbridled daffiness on Fox's *Raising Hope*, which airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. EST.

"I just hang on and say, 'What am I gonna do now?' I really trust Greg Garcia," she says of the series' creator. "And he trusts me."

She plays Maw Maw, the dementia-addled, wildly inappropriate sen-

ior cared for by granddaughter Virginia (Martha Plimpton) and her husband Burt (Garret Dillahunt). Their son Jimmy (Lucas Neff) shares the chaotic home, along with his baby daughter, Hope.

Moments of lucidity are few for Maw Maw, who may be found removing her top and bolting out the front door, or forcing a "Christmas cookie" on Burt she made from dirt and pebbles.

Any doubts about Leachman's gung-ho attitude were dashed two years ago when she was a contestant on *Dancing With the Stars*. She didn't win the mirrorball, but with moxie and sass she outlasted the likes of singer Toni Braxton, chef Rocco DiSpirito and reality star Kim Kardashian.

"Gosh, I wish I knew what I did," says Leachman. "I just came out and did a dance."

In an interview at Associated Press headquarters, she is accompanied by her son, George Englund Jr., who is also her manager.

"He says managing me is like herding cats," she says, then adds, "George, don't you think it's because I'm left-handed and right-brained?"

"I think that her right brain has consumed her left brain," he says. "And it's sitting over there pretending to be a left brain like it has logic and stuff — but there isn't any."

"It's a wonderful way to live," she says. "I'm so happy. I'm never upset or depressed."

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► Cloris Leachman, left, and Martha Plimpton in a scene from Fox's, *Raising Hope*.

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IT'S TIME TO RE-DEFINE WHAT'S INDEPENDENT

The Audio Files

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When you say the word indie rock, a lot of different thoughts come to mind. There's the newbie musician hoping to land a record deal; the popular band that's been perfectly happy releasing music on a small independent label; or a style of music. No one, though, would put indie and Taylor Swift in the same category.

But since 2006 Taylor Swift has, technically, been an indie artist — she's released all her records on Nashville-based label Big Machine Records. And she's not the only big name on an indie label:

273 independent artists were nominated for Grammys this year.

Other acts, such as Our Lady Peace, are technically indie too. They left Sony Music to release their 2009 disc *Burn Burn* on their own, while Pearl Jam put out 2009's *Backspacer* by themselves. While it's true these labels are technically independent — they're not owned by a major label — you'd be hard pressed to find anyone that would put Taylor Swift in the same category as The Meligrove Band, who are now on the small Toronto label Nevado Records.

Most people should know that, at least in the case of Swift, lots of major label money is flowing her

way. But it still may be time to redefine what we mean by independent, especially as the majors become more marketing departments than record labels.

I'm not sure how to de-

fine an artist anymore, or even if we should. There are acts like Death Cab For Cutie who are on a major, but many still think of them as indie. Other independent acts get

distributed through major

labels — sometimes it's the big guys who foot the promotion bill too.

For years people have been wishing that the term indie die a quick death and with more and more big name artists

starting their own labels, now might be time to put the final nail in its coffin. People will define bands however they want, but maybe now we can finally let the music speak for itself.



► Most people wouldn't consider Taylor Swift to be an independent musician, but technically she is.

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Dancing takes its toll on Aguilera's feet

Singer Christina Aguilera says she learned one important thing from her movie debut: A dancer's feet aren't sexy.

The star of the new movie *Burlesque*, a song-and-dance extravaganza about a small-town girl trying to make it big, said yesterday that she felt doubly challenged by the acting and dancing demands of the lead role of Ali Rose, and she was at first inclined to turn it down.

Aguilera said although she is accustomed to dancing when she performs on stage, she considers her-

self first and foremost a singer.

"I was scared of being out there with real, professional dancers," Aguilera, who has won four Grammy awards, said at a news conference ahead of the film's Tokyo premiere. "It's harder than it looks."

"Probably the unsexiest thing is to see a dancer's feet," she said. "After dancing for 17 or 18 hours a day every day, your feet are just bruises and calluses."

The movie also features Cher, who, at 64, is marking her first major feature-film role since 1999's *Tea*

With Mussolini, and Kristen Bell, formerly star of the hit TV series *Veronica Mars*.

Director-writer Steven Antin said he had to convince a worried Aguilera that she had enough acting and dancing in her for the role. And, he said, she quickly rose to the occasion.

"Christina has an extraordinary innate acting ability," he said. "She had many reservations. I believed she could do it. I watched her do it every day. That was a great relief."

I really needed her to be happy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Actress Christina Aguilera waves during a press conference for her movie *Burlesque* in Tokyo, yesterday.

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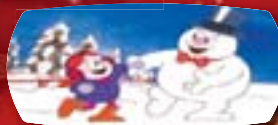
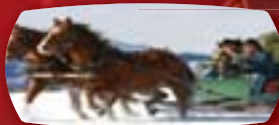
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December

Sunday, Nov. 28 5 pm The Legend of Frosty the Snowman
6:30 pm The Forgotten Toys
8 pm Happy Feet

Saturday, 4 2 pm ET HNHC: San Jose at Montreal
6:30 pm ET Scotiabank Hockey Tonight
7 pm ET HNHC: Boston at Toronto
7 pm ET HNHC: Buffalo at Ottawa (Ottawa Only)
10 pm ET HNHC: St. Louis at Edmonton

Sunday, 5 5 pm DISNEY: I'll Be Home For Christmas
8 pm Battle of the Blades

Monday, 6 9 pm Little Mosque on the Prairie Christmas Special
9:30 pm Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, 7 9 pm Stars on Ice

Wednesday, 8 8 pm Dragons' Den Holiday Special

Thursday, 9 8 pm Corrie Crazy - hosted by Debbie Travis

Friday, 10 7 pm ET HNHC: Montreal at Detroit

Schedule subject to change. Check local listings.

Saturday, 11 6:30 pm ET Scotiabank Hockey Tonight
7 pm ET HNHC: Montreal at Toronto
10 pm ET HNHC: Tampa Bay at Vancouver

Sunday, 12 5 pm DISNEY: The Santa Clause
7 pm Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
8 pm A Heartland Christmas

Monday, 13 2 pm Steven & Chris Holiday Week
8 pm Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

9 pm Season of Song: The Canadian Tenors & Friends (featuring Justin Bieber)

Tuesday, 14 9 pm Holiday Festival On Ice

Wednesday, 15 8 pm Frosty the Snowman
8:30 pm DISNEY: Mickey's Christmas Carol
9 pm Being Erica - Christmas Special

Thursday, 16 7 pm ET HNHC: Boston at Montreal

Friday, 17 8 pm Home Alone

Saturday, 18 6:30 pm ET Scotiabank Hockey Tonight
7 pm ET HNHC: Toronto at Vancouver
10 pm ET HNHC: Minnesota at Calgary

Sunday, 19 5 pm DISNEY: The Santa Clause 2
7 pm Santa Claus is Comin' To Town
8 pm National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Monday, 20 8 pm Elf
Tuesday, 21 8 pm The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause
Wednesday, 22 8 pm Polar Express
Thursday, 23 8 pm The Nativity
Friday, 24 3 pm Best Recipes Ever Festive Feast
8 pm Miracle On 34th Street (1994)
11:05 pm George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight - A Holiday Special
12 am Handel's Messiah

Saturday, 25 12 pm ET Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade
2 pm ET Olive the Other Reindeer
3 pm Booky & the Secret Santa
5 pm Holiday Festival On Ice 2010 (Encore)
6:30 pm Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café Christmas Pageant (Encore)
7 pm Joy to the World: A Holiday Concert
8 pm Season of Song: The Canadian Tenors & Friends (featuring Justin Bieber) (Encore)
9 pm A Heartland Christmas (Encore)
11 pm Miracle On 34th Street (1947)

Sunday, 26 4 pm Christmas Dreams with Cynthia Dale
5 pm DISNEY: Ice Princess
7 pm Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

* Check Local Guides. Christmas Day programming varies by region.

Monday, 27 8 pm Bridget Jones's Diary

Tuesday, 28 8 pm Anne Murray - Friends & Legends
9 pm Being Erica

Wednesday, 29 7 pm Corrie Crazy - hosted by Debbie Travis (Encore)
8 pm The Queen

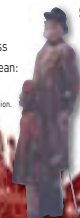
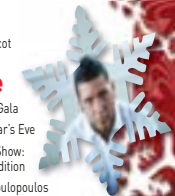
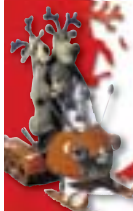
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New Year's Eve

Friday, 31 7 pm Just For Laughs Gala
8 pm Air Farce New Year's Eve
9 pm The Ron James Show: New Year's Eve Edition
11:05 pm George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight NYE Special

Saturday, Jan. 1 12:30 pm ET Scotiabank Hockey Tonight
1 pm ET HNHC: NHL Winter Classic: Washington at Pittsburgh
6:30 pm ET Scotiabank Hockey Tonight
7 pm ET HNHC: Toronto at Ottawa
10 pm ET HNHC: Calgary at Edmonton

Sunday, Jan. 2 8 pm WALL-E



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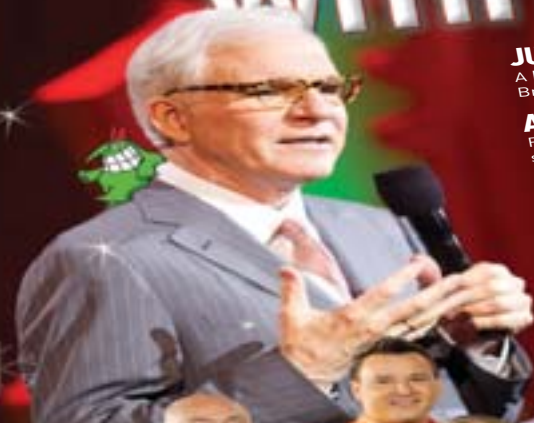
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Eclipse hits its target

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse**Genre:** Fantasy/Romance**Director:** David Slade**Stars:** Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner

Twilight is still at the kissing stage, and a bad case of "bite-us interruptus" is starting to take hold.

As with most third installments of a franchise, Eclipse suffers from an excess of characters and dialogue and a surfeit of real plot changes, even with Hard Candy's sharp-eyed David Slade at the helm.

Much of the ludicrously florid dialogue ("I'm going to fight for you until your heart stops beating ... and maybe beyond") causes un-



intentional fits of laughter.

But you can't really blame Slade or the movie for staying true to the book — fans demand it — and Stephanie Meyer's overripe novel is more of a wheel-spinner than a page-turner. This latest screen adaptation should satisfy the rabid faithful even while leaving viewers not born female in the 1990s

more mystified than ever.

Moody Bella (Kristen Stewart) is still dithering over whether she loves her brooding vampire beau Edward (Robert Pattinson) or her jealous werewolf suitor Jacob (Taylor Lautner). She's causing both the terminally square Edward and the shirtless Jacob to go more than a little squirrely. **© PETER HOWELL**

Inception

Genre: Action/Thriller**Director:** Christopher Nolan**Stars:** Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Even after several viewings, one just won't do — Inception remains the year's brainiest thriller, if only for that maddening ending. Does the spinning top stop, or not?

Writer/director Christopher Nolan changed the way people thought about superhero movies with his cerebral blockbuster The Dark Knight. With Inception, he has boldly reinvented the heist picture, once again rattling the cranium in



the process.

Leonardo DiCaprio cuts a rakish figure as Dom Cobb, a corporate spy who functions like the Freddy Krueger of the boardroom: he enters the dreams of industry captains and steals their most valuable secrets. Now he's tasked with his riskiest assignment of all: reversing the procedure, so he deliberately plants an idea in someone's head.

Cobb's talents are eagerly sought, but they have taken a personal toll tinged with intimations of tragedy. He's chased by memories of his wife, Mal (Marion Corillard), the mother of his two young children, whose status in his dream life is as uncertain as her corporeal existence is in the real world. It's one of the best movies of 2010.

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No, tell us what you really think

▶ Chelsea Handler lets loose on Angelina Jolie
▶ Apparently, she's not the only one

For Chelsea Handler, being pals with Jennifer Aniston apparently means going after Angelina Jolie, as the talk-show host unleashed a tirade about Jolie at a recent stand-up show in Newark, N.J., according to Popeater.

"She's a home wrecker, she is," Handler told the audience. "She can rescue as many babies from as many countries as she wants to."

And apparently Handler isn't alone in her feeling. "Everyone in Hollywood is scared to say what they really think about Angelina except Chelsea," a source says.

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▶ Angelina: Just a home wrecker?

Cox still has her Friends

Courtney Cox can still count on "Friends" co-star Jennifer Aniston to be a friend, according to Ecposay.

"Jennifer has been so wonderful. You need good friends to keep your spirits up," Cox says. As for her relationship with estranged husband David Arquette, Cox is incredibly candid about not knowing what will happen next.

"It's too early to say if we will get back together," she says. "We've always tried to be very open with each other. That spirit has never left us, even though things became difficult in the last year." ● METRO



▶ Courtney Cox

Miley thinking of lawsuit over fake cellphone pics

Miley Cyrus is reportedly considering legal action against Canadian blogger Zack Taylor after he posted a risqué cellphone photo purported to be the 18-year-old Disney star wearing next to nothing, according to Popcrunch.

Taylor later admitted the photo was fake, as the woman pictured was actually a British model. Cyrus' reps reportedly maintained it wasn't her because Cyrus' tattoo under her left breast was not visible.

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Celebrity tweets



Russell Crowe (@russellcrowe) A few days of deep thought, Tenny decided his horses name should be Harry Potter. Explained again that she was a girl. He's still thinking...



Slash (@Slash) "I can hold my breath for a Long, Leslie Nielson RIP."



Josh Groban (@joshgroban) I found some chapstick in my pea-coat!! Fun fact? Or new lyric? YOU decide!



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► It's easy to pick up flu germs at work. Try to keep common areas and work spaces as clean as possible.

► It's shaping up to be a pretty light year for the flu, but things can still turn bad quickly ► Experts recommend getting the shot regardless



"This is very good news," says Dr. Marc Ouellette, scientific director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity and a professor at Laval University in Quebec City. "It is nothing compared to last year. It's a rest for us."

Regular seasonal flu can kill but usually at the ex-

The best defence is getting the flu shot, says Dr. Ouellette, who receives

Last year, results of a study showed that vaccinating young school children decreased the rate of infection from flu for the whole community, including parents and grandparents.

their immune systems are not as active."



spread," says Dr. Marc Ouellette, scientific director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity and a professor at Laval University in Quebec City.



At the start of flu season, U.S. Centre for Disease Control estimates one in three has had flu shot

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The year of the gap

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In the past, gapped front teeth were considered geeky, nerdy and kind of awkward. However today's trends brand them as "perfect imperfections" – the latest beauty must have. In France they are called the "dents du bonheur" ("teeth of luck") and over in Nigeria, some consider them to be a sign of a strong sexual nature.

Would you be willing to surgically get a gap?

Mouthy muses

For many, the memory of years spent with heavy metal braces remains vivid, and painful: Teeth clanging together during a first kiss, the excruciating pain of re-tightening. But others left theirs uncorrected, and are intriguing because of it. Think of Madonna, models Georgia May Jagger and Lara Stone, True Blood star Anna Paquin and Chanel muse Vanessa Paradis. They



Australian supermodel Jessica Hart flashes her adorable gap-toothed smile.

represent the modern gap-mouthed beauty – and a minority. Less than 10 per cent of people are naturally gap-toothed.)

"It's a trend towards individuality," says dental surgeon Debra Glassman. "The idea that a gap-toothed woman is more sexy holds weight when you think of those showing them off today."

The natural smile

Cosmetic surgeon Dr. Irwin Smigel claims people are coming to him to make their smiles look more natural. "Natural-looking teeth have gradations in tone, tiny imperfections in shape, and can even vary by skin tone," he says.

"Perfect teeth look like you're trying too try hard

and a gap will invariably imply that the smile is natural."

The question is, how far will you go to get the look? Glassman's clients are prepared to pay on average \$1,200 to have a permanent gap cosmetically created. Once she and a patient have settled on the size of the space, she removes the tooth area on either side to be "gapped," making a mold of those teeth that were altered. The mold will be used to create a fingernail-thin porcelain coverings for the teeth on either side of the gap.

Such as with most procedures there are drawbacks, such as increased sensitivity caused by reducing the adjacent teeth and weakened bone support when the gap is created via orthodontic braces. But that hasn't stopped the vain clients willing to do this. In Smigel's opinion, "gaps look great, it's just a question of whether or not the person can pull it off."

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I've been a cat person all my life. My fiancé is a dog person. How is our relationship going to survive?



Angela says...

Live on the wild side and get one of each! Just imagine: Fluffy and Rocky cuddling next to you and your spouse on the couch in

front of the fire. But if that's not an option (or an adventure you're willing to embark upon), choose one breed of either species that suits both your needs. Cat lovers tend to like their feline friends for their size, temperament and cleanliness (i.e. litter box instead of poop and scoop). Dogs tend to get a bad rap as being stinky, jumpy and loud. But there are plenty of dog breeds that are "cat-like" and, on the flip side, there are some cats that think they're dogs — we have one of those! But thing to do is check out cats and dogs together to see if you both agree on one or the other. It's the personality of the animal you'll end up falling in love with, not necessarily the species.

Derek says...

Clearly there was some sort of glitch in the harmony algorithm when it paired

you up with your match. Cat and dog people mix like oil and water. But prepare yourselves for countless "this is why dogs/cats are better" conversations in the coming years. My advice? Draw up a pre-nup outlining litter box cleanup duties for all parties to sign (I know I wish I had). It could mean the difference between marital bliss and a lifetime of resentment and sorrow. And if you've never owned a dog before, they can really cramp the style of young urban elites who enjoy soaking up a city's culture and nightlife; they need constant attention and deserve to be outdoors as much as possible. To be fair to the animal, you need to be home every morning and evening, and take them with you on weekends. Why not save it for when you bring kids into the mix? You'll be home much of that time anyway.

Names: Rubi, 22, and Sutharsan, 26

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Their story:

How We Met: Rubi & Sutharsan

"When I (Rubi) decided to go away to school to Brock University five years ago, I didn't realize then that the friendships I was making were meant to last a lifetime...

I met Sutharsan at university and we became friends. But it wasn't until last year that we really hit



Rubi and Sutharsan

it off. We'd both moved back to the Toronto area to work, and I ended up at a job close to where he lived.

We got together to reminisce about the good old times, but it soon turned into a much stronger bond. He quickly became my best friend.

We both now believe in fate and we see that it is relationships based on friendship that are the strongest. Through our

highs and lows, we've learned that a battle is easier fought with two hearts as opposed to one stubborn mind!

We're going seven months strong and we're looking forward to forever with each other.

With our hearts in the clouds and our minds set on keeping each other happy, we're excited about everything and anything the world has to offer us!"

A prickly love

There may be countless pint-sized fans of Mrs. Tiggly-winkle, Mr. Pricklepants and Sonic — but that doesn't mean there are many real hedgehogs in the home.

Fewer than 150,000 live hedgehogs are estimated to live in the United States, despite their well-known roles in the Beatrix Potter

books, Disney-Pixar movies and Sega video games.

The animals weigh about 500 grams and are insectivores (not rodents). They prefer night to day — running six-and-a-half to 11 kilometres a night on their wheels — and have a strong sense of smell, with a life span of four to six years. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Wine for your festive feast

PETER ROCKWELL
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While Christmas may still be a few weeks away, when it comes to buying wine for your holiday feast it's never too early to talk turkey.

You might think that with all the sweet, sharp and herbaceous side dishes that typically tag along with a classic roast turkey dinner, finding an appropriate wine match would be a challenge.

The good news is that the big bird is surprisingly forgiving when it comes to a liquid partner. If you like a touch of green apple sweetness pick a bottle of German or Australian riesling. For something that swings to the drier side choose a goose-

berry-infused sauvignon blanc from New Zealand or France's Bordeaux region.

I'm a chardonnay kind of guy at heart so a lightly oaked and tantalizingly tropical New Worlder like Concha y Toro's 2008 Marques de Casa Concha Chardonnay (\$17.95 — \$24.99) from Chile is one of my go-to holiday favourites.

If it's more your style, think a fruit-infused pinot noir from New Zealand or California, a cherry-berry Italian Chianti Classico or, for something completely different, an Argentinean made from malbec.

Next week I'll ham it up with holiday wine picks for the other red meat.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Fit for a president

► The White House chef shares his holiday gingerbread recipe

To celebrate the holidays at the White House, pastry chef Bill Yosses created a 160-kilogram replica of the White House made of gingerbread. But after a month on display, no one gets to eat those slabs of chocolate-covered gingerbread. Here is Yosses' recipe for gingerbread you can actually eat.

White House Gingerbread Cookies

Preparation:

- 1 In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together butter and brown sugar for 5 minutes. One at a time, add eggs, then molasses. Set aside.
- 2 Into a medium bowl, sift together flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder and salt.
- 3 With mixer on low, add a third of the dry ingredients to butter-sugar mix-

Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) butter (2 sticks), softened
- 500 ml (2 cups) packed dark brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) molasses
- 1.75 l (7 cups) all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling out dough
- 1 ml (3/4 tsp) ground ginger
- 1 ml (3/4 tsp) cinnamon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking soda
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Zest of 1 lemon
- Zest of 1 orange

- 4 Beat both zests and mix. Transfer dough to a sheet of plastic wrap, spreading dough until 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick. Cover with another sheet of plastic wrap, then refrigerate overnight.
- 5 When ready to bake, heat oven to 380 C (350 F). Remove dough from refrigerator. Break off a small piece of dough and roll it out on a floured surface to between 3 mm (1/8 inch) and 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick. Add



► Cookies from the White House include a replica of Bo, the presidential dog.

flour while rolling to prevent sticking.

- 6 Use a cookie cutter to cut out cookies. Repeat with remaining dough. Arrange cookies on a baking sheet, leaving about 2.5 cm (1 inch) all around. Bake for 12 minutes. Once baked, transfer to a wire rack. When cooled, decorate as desired. Makes 50 cookies. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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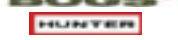
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The holiday season often sparks memories of eggnog, mistletoe and hours spent at the crowded mall.

But for many, the holiday season can be a financial strain, with gifts to still be bought, parties to attend, a house to decorate and even increased travel expenses.

Plan your expenses now so the winter weather is

the only unexpected surprise this season.

1. Book travel plans in advance

Traveling during the holidays is expensive and you can often spend twice as much for flights at this time of year.

Book early and save your money and the hassle of trying to find last minute deals.

2. Host a potluck

Holiday parties can be expensive so ask friends and family to chip in by bringing food, drinks and even decor. The cost per person is minimal and everyone will be happy to contribute to the festivities.

3. Reuse decorations

What would the holidays be without lights, tinsel and a little mistletoe? At the end of the year, store all of the decoration in a cool, dry place so you can use them again next year.

4. Create a budget

A recent study by MasterCard Canada reports that one in five Canadians (17 per cent) don't budget for the holidays. Create a budget at the beginning of the year that includes all your expenses – from gift giving to that New Year's Eve outfit.

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If you're fortunate enough to have access to a plan, don't opt out. With

most company-sponsored pension plans, the employer kicks in free money or free benefits.

So, if you contribute four per cent of your salary, and your employer matches it 100 per cent, it will add an additional four per cent. Whatever the specific matching program is, it makes sense to maximize your portion of the contributions into the plan for two reasons: you contribute with pre-tax dollars and you get free money from your employer. Don't turn your back on free money!

The most common issued plan in Canada is the defined contribution plan.

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Women have always played a vital role in commerce in Canada.

Despite the challenges facing women in non-traditional occupations, Canada has produced many

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- ▶ Women make up a larger share of the self-employed than in any other country; one-third of self-employed Canadians are women.
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► For some, YouTube has been a fast ticket to fame, and even fortune ► Viral veterans share their tricks

There's a subculture of web users who speak reverentially about the work of RayWilliamJohnson, ShayCarl, or MysteryGuitarMan.

They may not be household names, but Internet famous? Definitely.

A roomful of YouTube auteurs aspiring to the same status gathered last week at Google's Toronto office to trade tips on how to hit it big on the web's largest and most popular video site.

Corey Vidal says getting a million hits on YouTube was tough but getting 50 million was actually much easier.

And while the 23-year-old Oakville, Ont., native doesn't think he's necessarily cracked the code to YouTube fame and fortune, he has quit his job to become an online video pro.

"My advice is just keep going, don't get lazy, don't

give up, don't get discouraged if things aren't working," Vidal said during a panel discussion.

Vidal, known as ApprenticeA, first posted to YouTube to share a video with a friend, and didn't expect anyone else would see it — a fairly common story among users who had videos go viral.

It took a couple years of faithfully posting videos — "not too serious, I find people go to YouTube to laugh, not to cry," is how he describes his style — until Vidal got his big moment, and was featured on YouTube's front page.

"It was like winning the lottery. It was this fun thing and now — bam! — life has completely changed forever. Everything has been different since," he said.

"In the past two years it's actually been enough for me to do it full time

and quit my job. In the past year I've now started a company, hired employees and produce videos on an ongoing basis with my production crew. And I'm now working with sponsors and advertisers and brands."

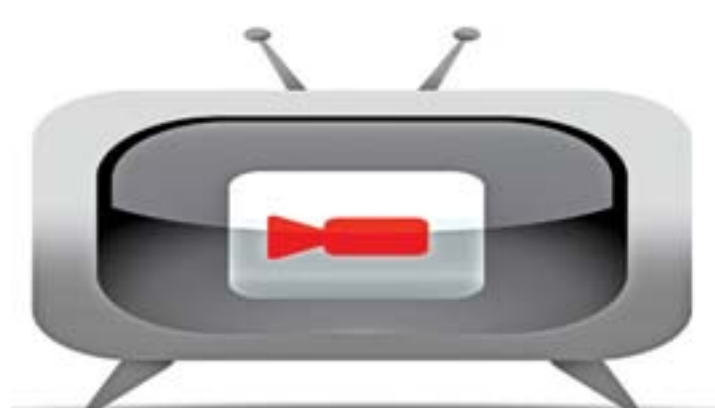
Also speaking was user FluffeeTalks — he prefers not to go by his real name — who has nearly half a million subscribers and almost 94 million views.

He recommended that newer users not get discouraged by the nasty cesspool that is YouTube's comment section.

"If you have haters, that's when you know you're starting to get popular," he said.

"If people care about you enough to leave hateful comments and try to make you feel bad about yourself, then obviously (you've made it)."

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► TD Friends of the Environment Foundation challenges post-secondary students to heal the world

Do you have an idea for reducing waste on your university campus? Or a plan for greening the buildings at your college?

One of Canada's longest-serving environmental charities is rewarding post-secondary students for thinking green.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TFEF) is inviting students to enter the fourth annual TD Go Green Challenge, a national competition that invites Canadian post-secondary students to propose new ideas for environmental stewardship.

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difference to the environment on their campus.

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"Students tell us there are a number of environmental issues on their campuses that they are motivated to change," says Mary Desjardins, executive director of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

"The TD Go Green Challenge gives them the opportunity to 'walk the talk' by providing us with their best ideas and the potential of being rewarded for their efforts. We're

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The TD Go Green Challenge is open to all legal residents of Canada who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, full or part-time, at a Canadian college or university. The deadline for entries is January 21, 2011.

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Avoid midnight oil exam burnout

► Student advisors offer tips on how to handle end of semester stress

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Think back to the last time you enjoyed a solid, full night's sleep, and woke up feeling revitalized.

Was it this week? Chances are you're not a student.

"There are a million different stressors that everyone goes through, but I think what happens is when all these exams and assignments are coming at once, students realize their organizing and planning skills aren't up to par," says Bobbi Beuree, student success supervisor at Saint Mary's University in Halifax.

Students often experience an increase in anxiety during the end-of-semester crush, a time when the stresses of juggling multiple deadlines leaves many feeling overwhelmed.

Beuree believes a simple change in strategy can make a marked difference toward overall study effectiveness.

"I'm a big proponent of balance, just making sure that even though they're students, that they're taking care of themselves as people first," she says.

"I talk to them about nutrition and caffeine, exercise and making sure when they're creating their schedule they're making time to spend with family and friends as well as time

"I'm a big proponent of balance."

BOBBI BEUREE,
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY



► To avoid end-of-semester stress, take care of yourself and invest time in organizing a realistic study schedule.

to study and prepare for exams." For many, consulting with a student advisor can offset the fear of falling short academically.

"Students are spending a

lot of money to be here, and when things start to go off the tracks, it could result in academic probation, and at the worst, they could get kicked out of the uni-

versity." Instead of succumbing to these fears, Beuree suggests taking a deep breath and investing time in organizing a realistic study schedule.

Study tips

Barbara Williams, Counseling Director at Alberta's University of Lethbridge, offers the following tips to stressed out students:

- Time management: Establish boundaries and a realistic schedule
- Exercise: Go for a walk or a

fitness class. It will give you a true break and also get your endorphins moving.

- Nutrition: Eating properly is especially important during stressful periods. Avoid too much sugar, salt and caffeine and make sure your meals are balanced.

- Take breaks: Make room in your schedule for a nice cup of tea, and social inter-

action with friends and family.

- Reward yourself: Make sure you give yourself kudos for tasks accomplished, rather than focusing on everything you still have to do.
- Don't forget to breathe: Four cleansing breaths before sitting down to study can make a world of difference.



► Take it easy on yourself if you're going home for Christmas

SURVIVING CHRISTMAS FOR MANY STUDENTS, RETURNING HOME TAKES 'HAPPY' OUT OF HOLIDAYS

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You've just written six exams, handed in four assignments, and cranked out twice as many papers. But all this is nothing compared to the stress of heading home for the holidays.

Confused? Don't be. "Students have been really focused on their schoolwork and passing, and they're exhausted by the time the holidays come. And yet there's this heightened expectation that they're going to go home and see family and friends and have a good time," says Sue McDonald, a student counselor at Seneca College.

Often, these expectations leave many feeling overwhelmed. The pressure of meeting family and social obligations, adjusting to new routines,

and buying gifts can be a triple whammy for tired, cash-strapped students.

"What I tell students is be gentle with yourself," says McDonald. "This means trying your best to rest, eat healthy food, exercise and seek out support of people in your life. And I always say it's OK to say no."

Part of saying no means turning down too many invitations, keeping things simple, and considering alternatives to gift giving.

As well, McDonald advises against overindulging with food and drink, and setting aside time for yourself, whether it's taking a bubble bath, reading a book, or watching a TV show you love.

Following these basic guidelines, says McDonald, will ensure you don't need a holiday to recover from the holiday season.

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► **York University-built underwater robot swims, analyses data and sees for itself**

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A team of researchers from York University has helped created a robot with the smarts to think for itself as it swims underwater.

The team, led by York U professor of computer science and engineering Michael Jenkins is working

together with teams from McGill and Dalhousie universities to build the highly advanced AQUA robot, which resembles an otter and uses flippers to propel itself around underwater. Despite its cute, toy-like appearance, AQUA is intelligent enough to understand visual commands and perform complex underwater manoeuvres.

Jenkin's team recently created an underwater control tablet that lets an operator interact with AQUA directly and much more quickly — a crucial feature when investigating dangerous, unknown environments like shipwrecks.

"We want to make vehicles that are more intelligent, that understand their world better and can interact with the world

better. The underlying goal is to enhance our understanding of how to build intelligent, autonomous systems," Jenkin said. Technophobes fear not, however — Jenkin's team is not building the next

Skynet from the Terminator movies, rather with AQUA they're looking to create a robot that can make smart judgments about what it sees so as to be more useful on its own. While a standard robot

might have the sensors to count fish populations, for instance, AQUA would not only be able to monitor stocks, but understand whether those stocks are good or bad and report back immediately.

The robot is also expected to provide mobile maintenance for underwater equipment by itself, a large step beyond current similar robots, which need a human operator at all times.



► Researcher Bart Verzijlberg controls the AQUA underwater robot, co-developed by York, McGill and Dalhousie universities, with a remote underwater control tablet he helped design in York's Tait Mackenzie pool.

AQUA

- AQUA's underwater tablet control device is the brainchild of Michael Jenkin's former student Bart Verzijlberg.
- It works similarly to a video game joystick; bank the tablet left and AQUA rolls left, bank right and it rolls right, for example.

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Pioneering entrepreneurs

► Enterprising U of T undergraduate program supports student ideas



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In order to get big results, U of T is thinking in small numbers.

Thirty-six to be exact. That's the amount of participants the university is accepting into their latest pilot endeavour, The Next 36. "Canada's Entrepreneurial Leadership Initiative" is a certificate program aimed at assisting undergrad students develop their original ideas via practical application and in-class instruction from both professors and business mentors.

"(It's) a non-accredited program for outstanding undergraduates that will

"The idea is that these 36 students will be at the core of the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders for Canada."

DAVID NAYLOR

give them — at a critical stage in their lives — the skills, networks and confidence to become Canada's next generation of high-impact entrepreneurs," notes Executive Director Claudia Hepburn. "We see this as combining the academic and entrepreneurial in a way that hasn't been done before in Canada or anywhere else."

"The certificate concept evolved from a course taught at the University of Toronto by Reza Satchu," continues President David

Naylor. "He's a Canadian entrepreneur who made his fortune in the U.S. and has been teaching one of the school's most popular courses for the past few years."

Divided into two sections, The Next 36 is an eight-month program featuring academic instruction and concept application. Participants receive 144 hours of class time with leading global academics on subjects important to high-impact entrepreneurs, business

leaders and nation builders.

"The second aspect is an entrepreneurial exercise where students practice building a idea into an organization with a product and value," Hepburn adds. "This year, that exercise is a mobile app development project. Students will receive up to \$50,000 in cash and services to support their ideas and own work."

Once the course is complete, students make a final presentation dubbed Venture Day allowing them opportunity to showcase their creations to business leaders and potential investors.

"We hope it will be successful, but like any start-up, we have to prove ourselves," she said.

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Pedal power

► Human-propelled flight finally gets its wings and takes off



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Mankind has fantasized about it for centuries. One man accomplished it in four years: Building and flying an ornithopter, a human-powered aircraft with flapping wings capable of sustained flight.

Such is the achievement of Todd Reichert, engineering PhD candidate at the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS). On Aug. 2, he piloted an ornithopter dubbed the Snowbird (hpo.ornithopter.ca) to a world aeronautical record as the first of its kind to fly continuously.

Under Reichert's control — a lot of hard pedalling — the 43-kilogram flyer with a whopping 32 metre wingspan clinched a historical first by maintaining stable altitude and

airspeed for 19.3 seconds, crossing 145 metres at an average speed of 25.6 kilometres per hour. While the concept sounds radical, Reichert notes ornithopters have been, er, flying around in the theoretical world for some 500 years.

"The lab I work in does research on flapping flight," he concedes, noting that feasibility tests were being run a few years ago. "If you're working in that area, that thought is always there. It's an age-old aeronautical dream so it didn't just jump up."

Once simulations — when coupled with overcoming structural challenges and ensuring his constitution was up for powering the beast — proved the notion possible, Reichert and a crew of five main participants committed to their design.

A few years and much

learning about the practical side of aircraft building later, Reichert piloted the first human-powered aircraft Tottenham, Ontario's Great Lakes Gliding Club.

While much of the attention goes to him, Reichert asserts that teamwork was what ultimately led to Snowbird's success.

"This was not a one-man thing," he declares. "There were quite a few people from U of T, UTIAS, exchange programs and community volunteers helping behind the scenes. The people we had that came together at the end were just stellar. That's make-or-break for a project of this magnitude."

► Todd Reichert, PhD candidate at U of T, piloted Snowbird, a human powered ornithopter.

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Humber College will be offering three new bachelors degree programs in September 2011: Accounting, child and youth care, and public relations.

"These programs fit with Humber's existing areas of faculty strength," says Dr. Michael Hatton, Humber's vice-president academic.

"We know there's high student demand for these programs, and we know the job prospects are good."

The school currently has two- and three-year diploma programs in accounting, but the degree program will allow stu-

dents "to start immediately on a degree without going to a diploma first," Hatton says.

Humber also has an existing diploma in child and youth care, but "the degree will provide a faster opportunity for students to move into management positions within that field," he says.

"As for public relations, 'we have what I believe is the best known diploma program in Canada,' says Hatton.

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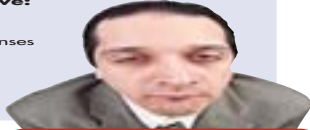
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Centennial student best amateur pilot in Canada

► James Pouget wins coveted John C. Webster Memorial Trophy

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James Pouget was 19 when he decided to be a pilot.

The Windsor native enrolled in a local flight school. "I did about four flights," he says. "Nothing serious, just controlling the aircraft, seeing if I could handle it psychologically. And I liked it."

Four months ago Pouget, who graduated from Centennial College's pilot program at the end of October and turns 21 in January, won the 2010 Webster Memorial Trophy to become the top amateur pilot in Canada.

"I felt the contest was a pretty good chance to establish a foothold in aviation if I did well," he says.

Nine pilots competed for the Webster, each from a different region across Canada.

Held in Calgary, the final competition included two flight tests, "one based on navigation, the other on



► James Pouget

control of the aircraft," says Pouget, and two ground portions, including a 50-question written exam.

Prizes included \$1000 in cash and two round-trip passes to any Air Canada destination.

Right now, Pouget is working as a flight dispatcher. His next goal is instructor training. "That will be my intermediate job for a few years," he says, "in order to build up my experience so I can move onto something bigger."

Taking flight at Centennial

► Transport Canada mandates that all flight schools offer students 200 hours of flight experience and 330 hours

of in-class training. Most supplement that with a general arts or business diploma. Not Centennial. "It's like doing high school in one year," says Jim Passant, Centennial's professional

pilot training coordinator. Only 25 per cent of students graduate. Those who do, receive three licences: Private aircraft; commercial with single-engine; and commercial with multi-engine. ► The program is expensive

— \$38,500 "because of fuel costs" — and unfortunately, OSAP doesn't pay. ► "A lot of students say 'I like flying,'" Passant says, "and my response is, 'You can't like flying, you have to love it.'"

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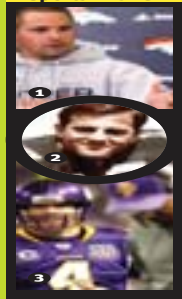
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Sports in brief



1 The Denver Broncos have fired coach Josh McDaniels.

2 Don Meredith, an original member of ABC's Monday Night Football broadcast team, died Sunday. He was 72.

3 The Minnesota Vikings are expecting Brett Favre to play once again this weekend. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Pacers reserve lights up Raps

Brandon Rush scored a season-high 26 points, Danny Granger had 21 and the Indiana Pacers put seven players in double figures in a 124-100 victory over the Toronto Raptors last night.

Rush, a reserve, was 10 for 18 from the field, including 6-for-8 from three-point range. Indiana shot 55 per cent overall, led by a 13-for-26 effort from behind the arc.

Granger also contributed nine rebounds and five as-

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sists in the Pacers' second-highest scoring effort of the season.

Jose Calderon scored 21 points and Amir Johnson added 15 for the Raptors, who had won six of nine.

Andrea Bargnani, who entered the game averaging 20.7 points, was held to 12 on 5-for-11 shooting.

Bargnani didn't score until 52 seconds remained in the first half. By then, the Raptors trailed 64-42.

Granger, Indiana's leading scorer for the season, made just eight of 29 shots combined in his previous two games, road losses to Utah and Phoenix. He went 9-for-16 against Toronto.

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► Leandro Barbosa drives to the basket against Indiana Pacers guard Brandon Rush.

Leafs dig their way out of a hole

► After trailing Washington by three goals, Toronto battles back and gets the win in a shootout

Mikhail Grabovski scored the lone shootout goal and the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied from three goals down in the third period to beat the Washington Capitals 5-4 last night.

Jonas Gustavsson was perfect in the tiebreaker, making Grabovski's goal stand up as the winner. Grabovski skated in on Michal Neuvirth, pivoted in front of the crease and, with his back to the net, scored with a backhanded shot at the right post.

Washington carried a 4-1 lead into the third period, but Grabovski, Tim Brent and Clarke MacArthur, with his second of the game, all scored to get the Maple Leafs even.

Brent and MacArthur scored 59 seconds apart, with MacArthur's tip-in making it 4-4 with 1:24

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left in regulation.

Mathieu Perreault had his first two goals of the season and Mike Knuble also scored for Washington.

Gustavsson made 32 saves for Toronto while Neuvirth stopped 24 shots for Washington.

The Leafs will be in Pittsburgh tomorrow to face the Penguins. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Jonas Gustavsson is congratulated by teammates after the Leafs won in a shootout last night.

Gillick headed to the Hall

Former general manager Pat Gillick, who led the Toronto Blue Jays to back-to-back World Series in the early 1990s, was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame yesterday by the Veterans Committee.

In his fifth time on the ballot, former players' association head Marvin Miller told one vote short of the 75 per cent needed for election and Dave Concepcion, a nine-time all-star shortstop,

3 World Series titles won by teams run by Pat Gillick — The 1992 and 1993 Blue Jays and the 2008 Philadelphia Phillies.

was third with eight votes from the 16-man committee that considered candidates from the expansion era, 1973 on. The 93-year-old Miller, who led the Major League Baseball Players Association from 1966-81,

had asked not to be included on the ballot.

George Steinbrenner, the New York Yankees owner from 1973 until his death in July, was among the candidates who received fewer than eight votes.

Gillick will be inducted into Cooperstown during ceremonies on July 24 along with any players chosen next month by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports in brief

Orioles add a big bat

MLB. The Arizona Diamondbacks have traded strikeout-prone slugger Mark Reynolds to the Baltimore Orioles for two relievers.

Arizona will get right-handers David Hernandez and Kam Mickolio. Reynolds has averaged

nearly 35 homers for the last three years, but also more than 200 strikeouts. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Guerin will hang up skates

NHL. Vancouver winger Bill Guerin has announced his retirement.

A two-time Stanley Cup winner, the 40-year-old Guerin ends his 18-year career with 429 goals and 427 assists. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Around the AL East



The Yankees

The Yankees turned their attention to Cliff Lee as the winter meetings began, having all but finished negotiations to re-sign Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman met yesterday with Derek Braunecker, Lee's agent. "While we're in the same area, I'm going to try to meet with him as much I possibly can," Cashman said.

He insisted the first big deal of the week, Washington's \$126 million U.S. seven-year contract with outfielder Jayson Werth, won't inflate what the Yankees will offer the left-hander.

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While the Blue Jays were adding Brett Lawrie, their divisional rivals have also been looking to improve.



The Red Sox

Adrian Gonzalez put on a Red Sox jersey for the first time and immediately said what the Fenway faithful wanted to hear.

"I'm very excited to be in Boston and ready to beat the Yanks," he pronounced yesterday.

The Red Sox completed their deal for the all-star first baseman, acquiring the slugger from the San Diego Padres for three prospects and a player to be named.

Boston sent minor league right-hander Casey Kelly, first baseman Anthony Rizzo and outfielder Raymond Fuentes to San Diego.

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Marcum gone as Jays get Canadian prospect

► Right-handed starter sent to Brewers for young second baseman

The Toronto Blue Jays added Brett Lawrie to their stockpile of young players big on potential after acquiring the Canadian prospect from the Milwaukee Brewers for right-hander Shaun Marcum.

Lawrie, a 20-year-old second baseman from Langley, B.C., has been on the club's wish list since the Brewers made him the 16th overall draft pick in the 2006 draft, one spot ahead of the Blue Jays, who chose first baseman David Cooper instead.

Lawrie has the combination of raw power and speed that general manager Alex Anthopoulos covets. He batted .285 with eight homers, 36 doubles, 16 triples and 30 stolen bases for the double-A Huntsville in 2010, just his second professional season.

But the price was a steep

Greinke next?

- The deal creates an opening in a pitching staff that includes Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow and Brett Cecil, and that has led to speculation about a corresponding move.
- The Jays have been linked to interest in Kansas City Royals ace Zack Greinke, and getting the former Cy Young Award winner will likely require a package of prospects.

one. Marcum stepped into the No. 1 starter's void created by the trade of ace Roy Halladay and went 13-8 with a 3.64 ERA. He made just \$850,000 U.S. this past season and is two seasons away from free agency.

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► Brett Lawrie

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8 Heart of the matter											
12 Chopping tools											
13 Have a debt											
14 Not basic	18							20			
15 A Great Lake											
17 Quite some time				21							
18 Request	23	24	25			26			27	28	29
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43 Sandwich cookie											
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48 Property claim											
49 Conclusion											
50 One											
51 Revell's opposite											
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53 Courage											
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1 Tibetan monk											
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4 Blood shade											
5 Paul who played Croc											

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oddie Dundee
6 Vacationing
7 Hideaway
8 Variety act grouse
9 "Othello" villain
10 "Star"
11 Like a lion at dawn
12 Conventual
13 Future stallion
14 Off melody
15 Joe Biden, e.g.
16 Hand (Sp.)
17 Options list
18 Fix a manuscript
19 Traveler equipment
20 Solidify
21 Beer container

Sudoku

8	7			9			6	4
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6				5		3		
	9	7		3				5
1			1	8		6	2	
	9		4					3
7						5		
4	2			6			7	1

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 One of the best times for your career begins today and you must make the most of it. Get rid of the idea that you are somehow not good enough to compete with the best.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's not true that you think only of yourself and you will get the chance to prove it today. You are at your best when fighting on the side of truth and justice, so follow your conscience.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may resent having to pay for something that you feel you should get for free but what choice do you have? Sometimes in life you have to give some to get some and it will appear this is one of those occasions.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Capricorn will bring disputes to the boil over the next few days but that's good because you'll have avoided them for too long.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 It is one thing to have a dream but quite another to turn that dream into reality, so start thinking now about how you can make your life more secure and enjoyable.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 One of the best times of the year begins for you as Mars moves into the most dynamic area of the sky. It does not matter how many things went wrong in the past, it will all start going right again very soon.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Keep what you say short and sweet because others will lose interest quickly if you spin things out too long. Also, make sure you back up your words with actions.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are thinking too much about a problem that will most likely resolve itself if you just leave it alone. If you really are so concerned get a friend to sort it out for you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have come a long way in recent weeks and you will have a lot further over the next few days. But are you making what you have discovered, about yourself and about the world, pay financially?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Energy planet Mars moves into your sign today and it won't be long before you feel the difference physically, emotionally and intellectually. Put the past behind you and focus on your bright new future.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 No matter what happens over the next few days you must keep reminding yourself that you are not a victim, that you alone control your destiny.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 For too long now you have been worrying about your reputation and about how other people perceive you. Now at last you can do something about it. And you don't have to do it alone. @ SALLY BROMPTON

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